



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Contact: Cameron Burns
Office of Mayor Michael Tubbs
(209) 937-8499
cameron.burns@stocktonca.gov

MAYOR MICHAEL TUBBS INTRODUCES SCHOLARSHIP APP

(Stockton, CA) – Mayor Michael Tubbs and the Stockton Unified School District have entered an exciting new partnership to offer Stockton students a free, easy-to-use mobile application called “Scholly” that helps students find and apply for college scholarships. The announcement and demonstration will take place at Franklin High School computer lab, 4600 E. Fremont Street, Stockton, on Thursday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m.

When Mayor Tubbs, was sworn into office earlier this month, the fact that he is the youngest mayor in the U.S. of a large city drew national media attention. As he addressed the crowd of over 800 people that evening, he greeted them with, “Good Morning, Stockton,” a metaphor for how things are and will be changing and shared how his focus on youth, education, and opportunity will empower and “reinvent Stockton.” One of the first indications of change is the Mayor’s partnership with Scholly.

“I understand college is key to empowerment and a way to break the cycle of poverty,” shared Mayor Tubbs. “Our students in Stockton are just as capable and talented as students everywhere, and as a community, we need to prioritize them and provide them every useful tool available to realize a stronger future.”

-more-more-more-

Together, the Mayor and Scholly are offering Stockton high school seniors free access to the Scholly app, where they can get the guidance and support they need to find college scholarships.

“We are happy to engage in this partnership with Mayor Tubbs,” said Stockton Unified School District Superintendent Eliseo Dávalos. “I want to thank Mayor Tubbs for his support of our students. This app will help our 11th and 12th graders find scholarships all over the country. This is an excellent addition to our resources for students.”

Scholly was created by Christopher Gray who won \$1.3 million in scholarships through grit, sweat, and hustle. In realizing how broken and time consuming the scholarship application process was, he made it his crusade to help all students achieve their potential, by turning what can often be months looking for free money for college into just minutes.

“As the first person in my family to attend a four-year university – and as a Stockton native – this initiative is personal for me,” continued Mayor Tubbs. “Scholly is a simple, accurate, and comprehensive scholarship-matching platform that connects high school seniors, current undergraduates, and graduate students with scholarships meant just for them.”

To register for the app, scholarship-seeking students just go to app.myscholly.com/reinventstockton. The same link is available from the Mayor’s webpage www.stocktonca.gov/mayor.

-more-more-more-

**Office of the Mayor
News Release – Scholly App
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Page 3 of 3**

For questions or additional information, please contact Cameron Burns, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, at (209) 937-8499 or Cameron.Burns@stocktonca.gov.

###